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TITLE OF INVENTION: TONER, DEVELOPER INCLUDING THE TONER, AND METHOD FOR FIXING TONER IMAGE

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/670,320

Examiner

Janis L. Dote

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Dec. 1, 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,8,10,21-23, and 26-28.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: corrected 5/31/05 (3 sheets); corrected 08/31/06; 1/15/09.

1. The examiner acknowledges the cancellations of claims 13 and 14 and the amendments to claims 8, 10, 22, 23, 27, and 28 filed on Dec. 1, 2008. Claims 1, 8, 10, 21-23, and 26-28 are pending.

2. The reference JP 63-131149 listed on page 2 of the examiner-initialed-form PTO-1449 filed on May 31, 2005, which is attached to the office action mailed on Nov. 9, 2005, was inadvertently not crossed-out by the examiner. That form PTO-1449 has been corrected and is attached to this office action.

The examiner crossed-out the reference JP 63-131149 listed on page 2 of the form PTO-1449 filed on May 31, 2005 because applicants did not provide a copy of JP 63-131149. Applicants provided a copy of JP 2750853 B published on May 13, 1998. JP 2750853 B is the application published after examination version of JP 63-131149. The examiner has considered and listed the reference JP 2750853 B on the form PTO-892, which is attached to this office action.

The examiner corrected the examiner-initialed-form PTO 1449 filed on Aug. 31, 2006, that was attached to the office action mailed on Oct. 20, 2006 (and corrected at that time), by

providing the missing publishing date of the esp@cenet abstract of WO 01/60893 A1, listed under "Other References."

The examiner has considered the copending US application listed on the "List of related cases" in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on Jan. 15, 2009.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The rejections of claims 13, 14, 23, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the office action mailed on Sep. 11, 2008, paragraph 6, have been withdrawn in response to the cancellations of claims 13 and 14 and the amendments to claims 23 and 27 filed on Dec. 1, 2008.

The objection to claims 8, 10, and 22 set forth in the office action mailed on Sep. 11, 2008, paragraph 7, has been withdrawn in response to the amendments to claims 8, 10, and 22 filed on Dec. 1, 2008.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of claim 28 over US 2003/0138717 A1 (Yagi) combined with the other cited references, and of claim 28 over US 2003/0152859 A1 (Emoto'859) combined with other cited references, set forth in the office action mailed Sep. 11, 2008, paragraphs 10 and 13, respectively,

have been withdrawn in response to the amendment to claim 28 filed on Dec. 1, 2008. With that amendment applicants have perfected their claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 for the subject matter recited in instant claim 28. The revised certified English-language translation of the priority document, Japanese Patent Application 2002-365782, filed on Jun. 27, 2008, provides antecedent basis as set forth under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for the subject matter recited in instant claim 28. Accordingly, both Yagi and Emoto'859 are no longer prior art with respect to the subject matter recited in claim 28.

The rejection of claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over US 2003/0152859 A1 (Emoto) combined with the other cited reference, set forth in the office action mailed on Sep. 11, 2008, paragraph 12, has been mooted by the cancellations of claims 13 and 14.

The terminal disclaimer filed on Dec. 1, 2008, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent No. 7,396,630 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1, 8, 10, 13, 14, 21-23, 27, and 28 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type

double patenting over claims 1-21 of US 7,396,630 (B2) (Watanabe'630), set forth in the office action mailed on Sep. 11, 2008, paragraphs 15 and 16, respectively, have been withdrawn.

The provisional rejections of claims 1, 8, 10, 13, 14, 21-23, 26, and 27 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 26, 29, 33, 35, 37, 40, 41, and 48-51 of copending Application No. 11/475,165 set forth in the office action mailed on Sep. 11, 2008, paragraphs 18 and 19, respectively, have been withdrawn for the reasons given by applicants at page 12 of the response filed on Dec. 1, 2008.

Claims 1, 8, 10, 21-23, and 26-28 are allowable for the reasons discussed above and for the reasons discussed in the office action mailed on Sep. 11, 2008, paragraph 4.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janis L.

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Dote whose telephone number is (571) 272-1382. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Mark Huff, can be reached on (571) 272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry regarding papers not received regarding this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Supervisory Application Examiner Ms. Sandra Sewell, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1047.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Janis L. Dote/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1795

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Feb. 9, 2009